

Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: Volunteer Internship



Heritage Months Project Volunteer Internship(s)

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries manages a system of 14 marine protected areas covering more than 150,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters from the Hawaiian Islands to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa.

Our mission is to protect and enhance these natural and cultural treasures through scientific research, management and education.

What We Offer

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) provides a dynamic work experience. We are a unique government office, one of only a few that manage marine protected areas, and situated in the heart of marine conservation for the federal government, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The students would join a dedicated and enthusiastic team at the ONMS, gaining valuable resume-building experience and an insider's perspective from the nation's leader in ocean conservation and management.

Volunteer students will work on projects with a team that includes expert staff from all across the program, including our communications team, educators, socio-economists, scientists, managers, and policy experts. All of our interns and volunteers are encouraged to attend marine conservation events, lectures, conferences and receptions that provide terrific networking opportunities. We are flexible and experienced in providing opportunities for career development and personal enrichment for our interns and can help tailor the student's experience, including using the volunteer experience as a capstone or other thesis project.

We are located in dynamic downtown Silver Spring, only a short walk from the metro.

Position Description

We are seeking a volunteer intern to start in January 2017, preferably a senior undergrad or graduate student, with exceptional research and writing skills to help launch a new project—the five-year long Heritage Months project—focused on using the seven heritage months of the year (Black History, Women's History, Asian-Pacific American Heritage, LGBT Pride, Hispanic Heritage, Disability Employment Awareness and American Indian Heritage Months) to expand our outreach to new and untraditional audiences.

Major Responsibilities:

- Preparing stories and articles for the first year of the Heritage Months projects (the project will launch virtually on the ONMS website and social media sites)
- Brainstorming on other short-term components of the project
- Assist in helping shape the long-term future of the project
- Assist in special writing and other communications projects as needed; and
- Others as agreed to by the intern and sponsor.

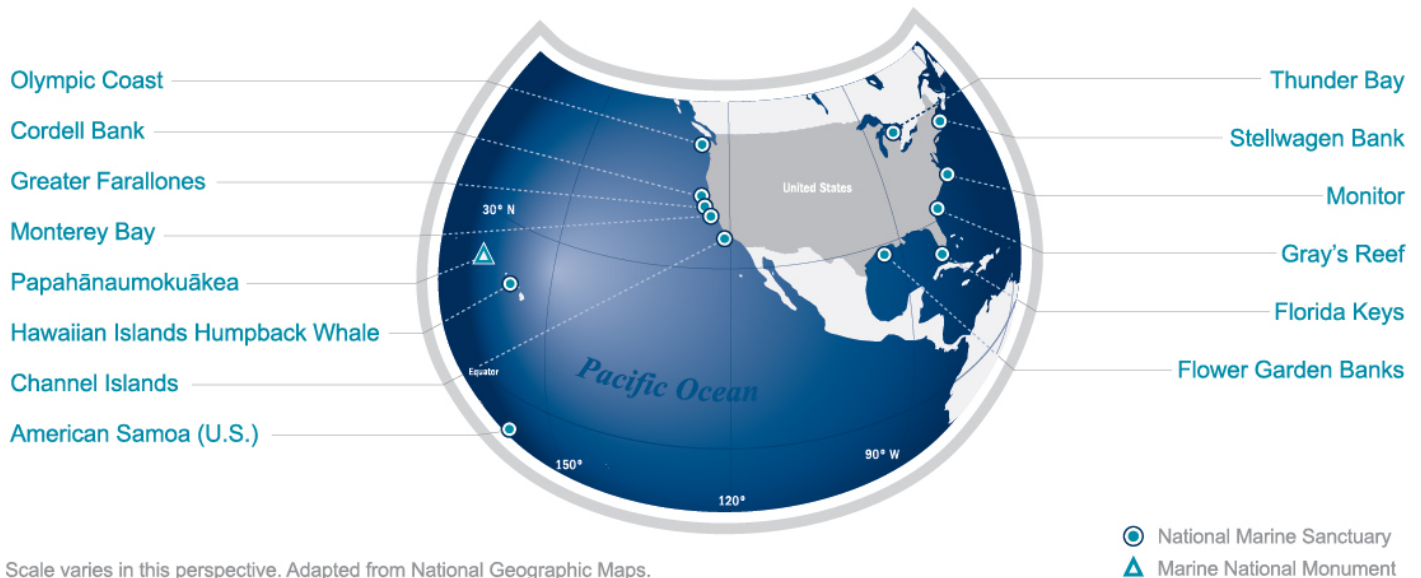
Desired Qualifications:

- Exceptional writing skills are a must
- Strong research skills are a must
- Motivated self-starter who enjoys both working independently and collaboratively
- Interest in diversity and inclusion efforts a plus but not necessary
- Interest in marine conservation a plus but not necessary
- Must be a U.S. citizen.

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter, writing sample and resume to: Elizabeth Moore, at elizabeth.moore@noaa.gov

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